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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL - MAY-  
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1. EMBASSY IS UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT NEGOTIATIONS AMONG  
CZECHOSLOVAK INSTITUTIONS AND OFFICES INVOLVED IN APPROVAL  
OF PARTICIPATION CZECHOSLOVAK FOLKDANCE AND SONG ENSEMBLE  
IN SMITHSONIAN FESTIVAL ARE CONTINUING AND PROMISE SUCCESS.

2. PARTICIPATION IN SMITHSONIAN FESTIVAL WOULD BE IN CONJUNC-  
TION WITH TRAVEL BY CZECH GROUP TO MONTREAL, JUNE 15, FOR  
PERFORMANCES IN CANADA. CANADIAN SPONSORS WOULD PAY TRANS-  
ATLANTIC TRAVEL. WASHINGTON PERFORMANCES WOULD BE SCHEDULED  
AS PART OF TRIP PRIOR TO ARRIVAL CANADA. NEGOTIATIONS HAVE  
ALSO INVOLVED CONSIDERATION OF GROUP PERFORMANCES IN MEXICO  
PRIOR TO ARRIVAL WASHINGTON, BUT THESE NOW APPEAR TO BE  
UNWORKABLE AND WILL PROBABLY BE DEFERRED UNTIL 1977.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INFORM JACOBSON/SMITHSONIAN OF THESE  
DEVELOPMENTS. ENGLISH BELIEVES FORMAL RESPONSE FROM CZECH  
MINCULT SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING BY FIRST WEEK OF MARCH.  
ENGLISH WRITING JACOBSON AND PROVIDING FURTHER DETAILS  
THIS WEEK. WILL ADVISE.  
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